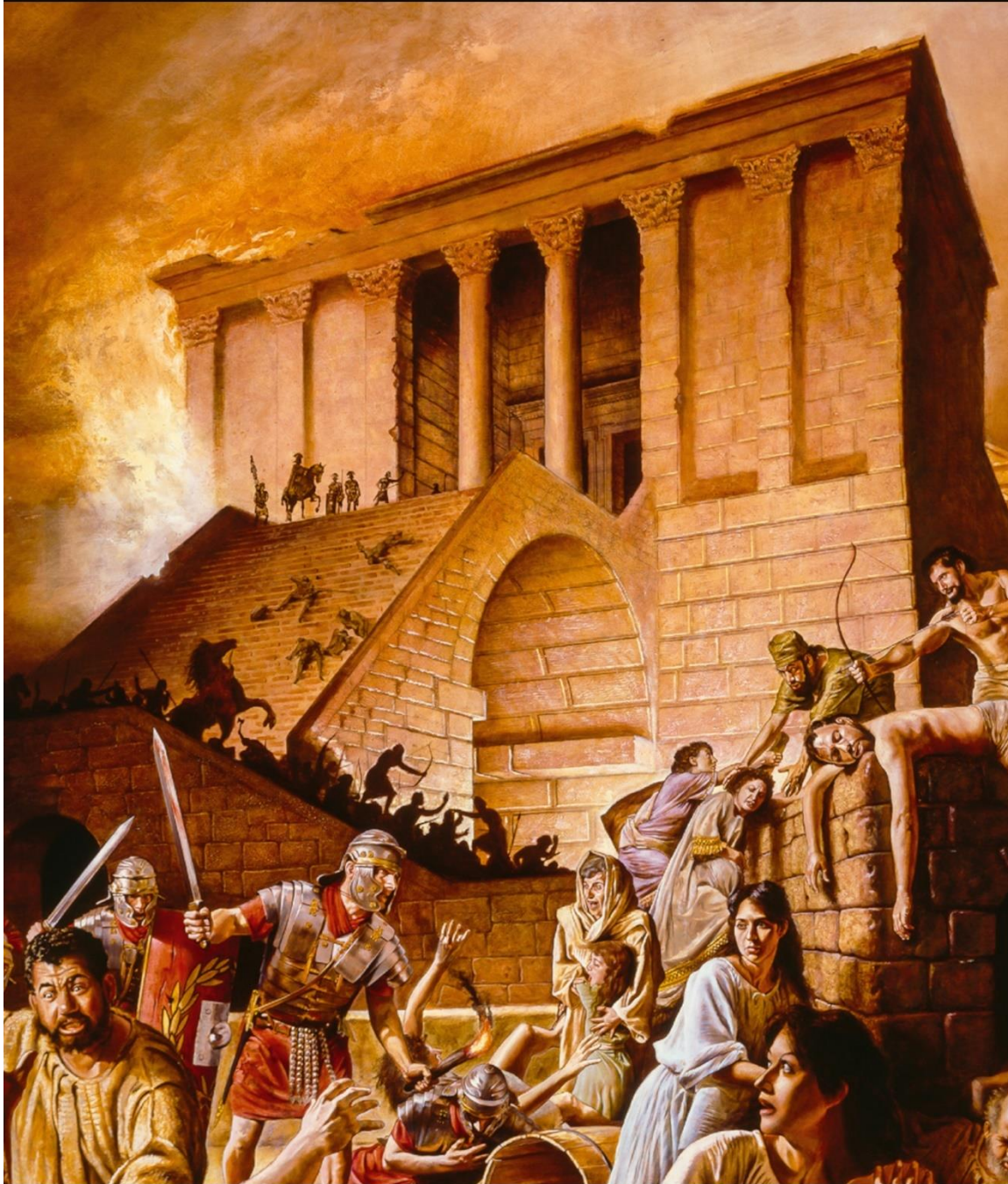
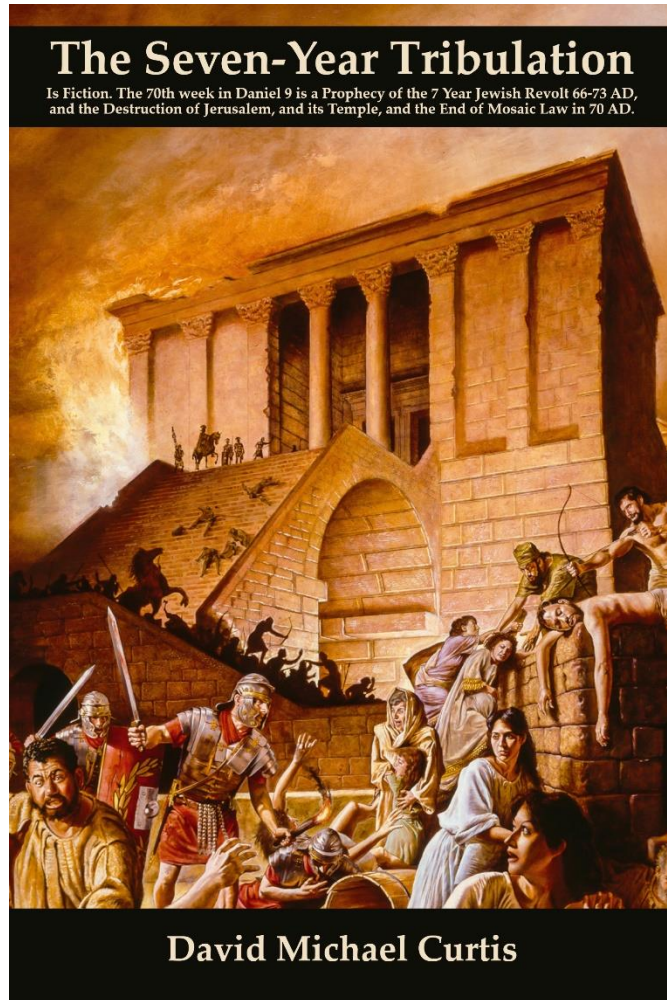


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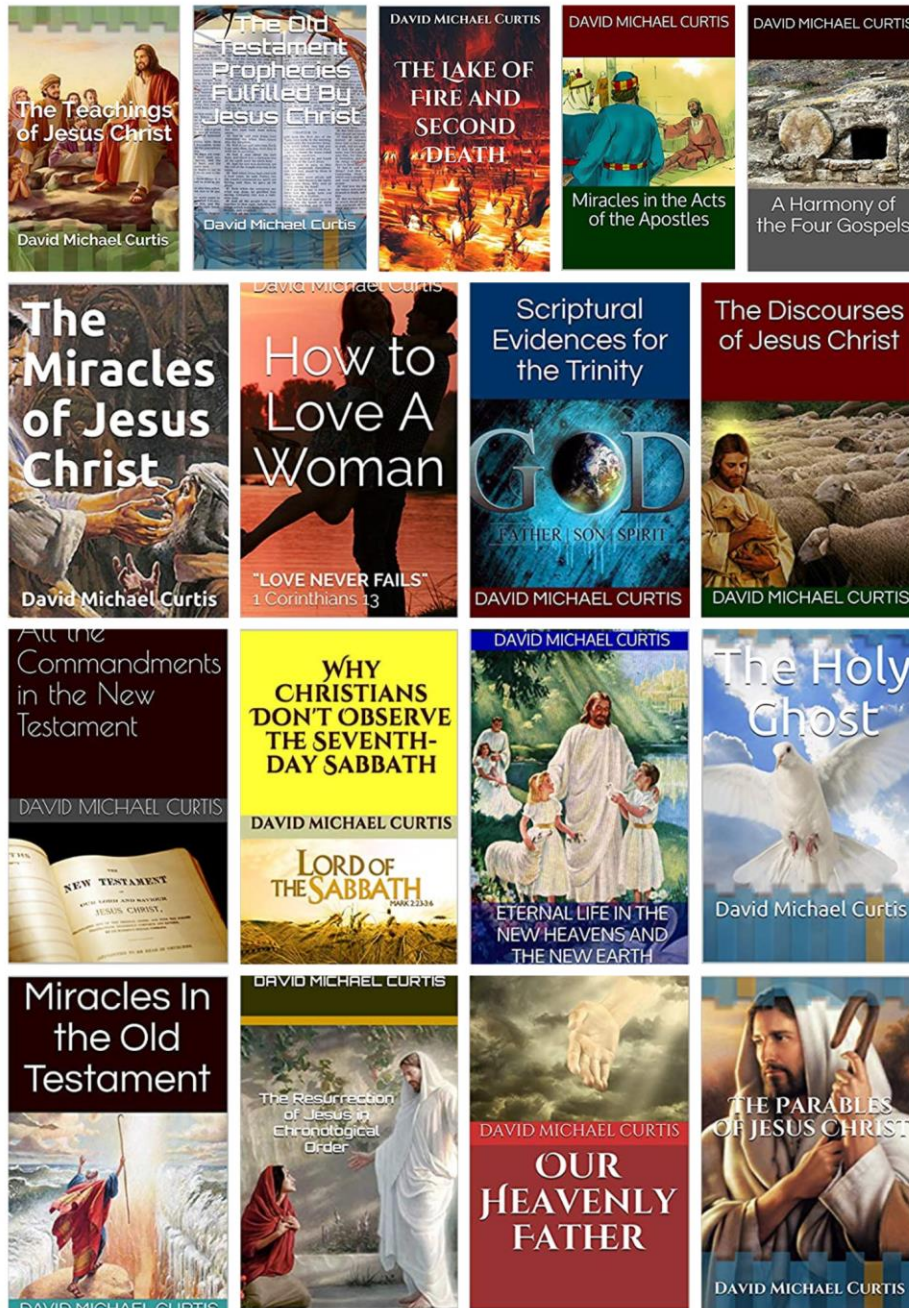
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I am a sinner saved by God's grace. I have been baptized, and I confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins and the gift of eternal life.

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I was a volunteer chaplain for a maximum-security prison in Northern California (2005-2007). Since 2001, I have owned/managed 75+ Christian websites. From 2008 to 2010, I was the General Manager for Harvestime Books (an international Christian publishing house). I have also served the church as an elder, a new believer's class teacher, and a vacation Bible school teacher.

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## **There are Erroneous Views of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy.**

As I sit at my desk and begin to write this chapter, I realize two facts: that it is super simple to understand and that it is also intricate and complex. So, my task is to try to show how simple it is while at the same time walking the reader through all the moving pieces involved. There are several false views about Daniel 9, and that is what makes this chapter I am writing complex. We have to deal with these false views so that the reader, who might have adopted one of them, can be set free from it.

I am going to ask for the reader's help. Please help make my task easier. Don't resist what I am saying, or read it with a skeptical mind. If you read this chapter with skepticism, it will be tenfold harder to share how simple this chapter really is. If, after reading this chapter, you are not convinced by what I share, then you can return to your traditional beliefs about Daniel 9.

But for the next few minutes, you can help me if you pretend you have never heard anything at all about Daniel 9, pretend that you have no bias or interpretations, and that you have never been brainwashed at an end-time prophecy seminar regarding it. Can you do that for me? Just take this chapter with a little pinch of salt. Could you give me the benefit of the doubt? A little bit of trust? If you are not completely convinced by what I have to share, then you can return to your traditional beliefs about Daniel 9.

I was hoping you could start from a fresh perspective, a clean slate, with no bias towards one outcome or another. If you have a bias towards or an established interpretation of Daniel 9, and it is wrong, and if what I am about to share with you is right, your bias will cause you to read with skepticism, something the Bible describes as a "stiff neck" or a "hardened heart." In that case, it will be impossible for you to receive what I am sharing. I need your heart to be childlike, soft, and open to what I am going to share. Otherwise, you won't be able to see it.

First, we need to detect and lay out the false views. Once we have done that, we can set them on the shelf, pretend we know nothing about them, and look at all of this with a fresh perspective. I am going to try to make all of this a process as simple as I possibly can for you. Once you put all the false views aside on a shelf, seeing this prophecy correctly is actually quite simple and easy. To make this all simple for you, I will speak directly, which means I might offend someone who has a previous point of view. I am going to call out the false views now. Ready?



## Finding the Correct Starting Point of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy.

THE CORRECT STARTING POINT OF THE SEVENTY-WEEK PROPHECY MUST CONTAIN A DECREE TO REBUILD THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM:

**Daniel 9:25** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to **BUILD JERUSALEM** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL**, even in troublous times.

### ***Possibility #1: The decree of Cyrus the Great, issued in 538 BC.***

***This is the wrong starting point for Daniel 9's seventy-week prophecy.** The decree of Cyrus the Great, issued in 538 BC, authorized the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple.*

The decree of Cyrus the Great, issued in 538 BCE, authorized the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple, which the Babylonians had destroyed. This decree is significant for a number of reasons:

- **End of the Babylonian Exile:** It marked the end of the Babylonian Exile, a period of roughly 70 years during which the Jewish people were forced to live in Babylon after the destruction of Jerusalem and the First Temple.
- **Religious Freedom:** It represented a policy of religious tolerance under the Persian Empire, allowing the Jewish people to practice their faith and rebuild their central place of worship.
- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** The decree aligned with prophecies from the Hebrew Bible, which foretold the Jews' return to their homeland and the rebuilding of the temple.

The decree is mentioned in several books of the Bible, including Ezra and 2 Chronicles. It details Cyrus's recognition of the God of Israel and his command to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. It also authorized the return of temple vessels that had been taken to Babylon and provided financial support for the rebuilding effort.

The rebuilding of the Second Temple was a long and challenging process, but it was ultimately completed around 516 BCE. It served as the center of Jewish worship for centuries until its destruction by the Romans in 70 CE.

The decree of Cyrus the Great, issued in 538 BC, does not contain a decree to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. **This is the wrong starting point for Daniel 9's seventy-week prophecy.**

## ***Possibility #2: The decree of Artaxerxes I, issued in 457 BC.***

**This is the wrong starting point for Daniel 9's seventy-week prophecy.** The decree in Ezra 7, issued by King Artaxerxes I, **granted Ezra**, a Jewish priest and scribe, **permission to lead a group of Israelites back to Jerusalem**. The decree encompasses several key points:

- **Permission to Return:** Any Israelite in the Persian Empire, including priests and Levites, who wished to return to Jerusalem was allowed to join Ezra's group. This emphasized voluntary participation.
- **Religious Authority:** Ezra was authorized to teach and enforce the Law of Moses among the Jewish community in Jerusalem. He was also given the power to appoint judges and magistrates to ensure the observance of the Law.
- **Temple Support:** The decree ordered the treasurers in the province Beyond the River (west of the Euphrates) to provide Ezra with the necessary funds and resources for the Temple in Jerusalem. This included silver, gold, wheat, wine, oil, and salt.
- **Tax Exemption:** The priests, Levites, and other Temple servants were exempted from paying tribute, custom, or toll. This demonstrated the king's support for the restoration of the Temple and its services.

Overall, the decree in Ezra 7 played a significant role in the return of the Jewish exiles to Jerusalem and the re-establishment of their religious and cultural life in their homeland. It reflects the Persian policy of religious tolerance and the king's recognition of Ezra's leadership and dedication to his faith.

The decree of Artaxerxes I, issued in 457 BC, does not contain a decree to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. **This is the wrong starting point for Daniel 9's seventy-week prophecy.**

## ***The correct starting point:***

### ***Possibility #3: The decree to rebuild the walls in Nehemiah 2, issued in 444 BC.***

**Daniel 9:25** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to **BUILD JERUSALEM** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL**, even in troublous times.

**This is the correct starting point for Daniel 9's seventy-week prophecy.** The decree in Nehemiah 2 permitted Nehemiah to rebuild the walls, gates, and streets of Jerusalem. This decree was issued on Passover, Nisan 14, 444 BC. **Four hundred eighty-three years later, on Passover, Nisan 14, 33 AD, Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, fulfilling Daniel 9:25 right down to the exact day predicted.**

This is the strongest evidence contained anywhere that the Bible is the word of God. No other starting point fulfills this prediction as precisely as does the decree of Artaxerxes to rebuild the walls, gates, and streets of Jerusalem in Nehemiah 2, issued in 444 BC. The other false starting points used within Christianity mentioned earlier in this chapter actually bury the most amazing things about this prophecy, confusing and blinding Christians from knowing the fact that **Daniel 9:25 was fulfilled by Jesus Christ's death on the cross, on the exact day predicted.**

Using Artaxerxes's decree to rebuild Jerusalem's walls, gates, and streets in Nehemiah 2, issued in 444 BC, as the correct starting point for **the seventy-week prophecy proves that the gospel of Jesus Christ is true beyond all reasonable doubt.** This should be the first thing we show people to prove Jesus is Christ. Instead, by using the wrong decrees as the starting point, Daniel 9 is being used to sell fictional novels and imaginary blockbuster movies from Hollywood.

The decree of Artaxerxes to rebuild the walls, gates, and streets of Jerusalem, as described in Nehemiah 2, held significant importance for the Jewish people returning from exile. Here are its key aspects:

1. **Authorization and Purpose:** Artaxerxes granted Nehemiah permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild its fortifications, emphasizing the need to protect the city from potential threats. This indicated the king's recognition of Jerusalem's strategic value and his willingness to support its restoration.
2. **Official Letters:** The king provided Nehemiah with letters to the governors of the provinces beyond the River (west of the Euphrates), instructing them to allow safe passage for Nehemiah and his companions. This ensured their journey to Jerusalem would be unhindered.

3. **Resources:** The decree authorized Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, to supply Nehemiah with timber for constructing the gates of the citadel near the Temple, the city walls, and Nehemiah's own residence. This royal backing demonstrated significant support for the project.
4. **Timeframe:** While no specific timeframe is mentioned in the decree, Nehemiah later indicates that the wall was completed in an impressive 52 days. This remarkable feat suggests that the decree likely provided a sense of urgency and prioritized the project.
5. **Leadership:** The decree essentially appointed Nehemiah as the governor of Judah, granting him the authority to oversee the rebuilding efforts. This demonstrated the king's trust in Nehemiah's leadership and capabilities.

Overall, Artaxerxes' decree to rebuild Jerusalem's fortifications was a pivotal moment in the post-exilic period. It not only allowed for the physical restoration of the city but also symbolized a renewed sense of security and identity for the Jewish community. The decree's focus on rebuilding the walls, gates, and streets highlighted the desire to create a safe and thriving city for its inhabitants.

## **Finding the Correct Middle Point of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy**

### ***Possibility #1: The timeline using the decree of Cyrus the Great, issued in 538 BC.***

The Seventy Weeks Prophecy, found in Daniel 9:24-27, is a complex and debated topic among Bible scholars. Here's a possible timeline using the decree of Cyrus the Great in 538 BC as the starting point, along with some of the key interpretations and challenges:

#### **Timeline based on Cyrus' Decree (538 BC)**

- **Start:** 538 BC (Cyrus' decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple)
- **69 Weeks (483 years):**
  - This period is often interpreted as leading up to a significant event in Jewish history.
  - One common interpretation is that it ends with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, which is traditionally dated around 30 AD.
  - $538 \text{ BC} - 483 \text{ years} = 55 \text{ BC}$ . However, to reach the approximate year of 30 AD, some adjustments need to be made, leading to different interpretations.



- **"The Anointed One will be cut off":**
  - This is generally understood as referring to the death of Jesus Christ.
- **"The people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary":**
  - This is commonly interpreted as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple by the Romans in 70 AD.
- **"The end will come like a flood":**
  - This could refer to the final judgment or the events leading up to it.

### Challenges and Interpretations

- **Calendar Adjustments:**
  - The prophecy uses a 360-day prophetic year, while our modern calendar uses a 365.25-day year. This requires adjustments when calculating the timeline.
  - There are also debates on whether to use solar or lunar years, which can further affect the calculations.
- **Starting Point:**
  - While Cyrus' decree is a common starting point, some scholars propose other events, such as the decree of Artaxerxes I in 457 BC (mentioned in Ezra 7) or the completion of the Second Temple in 516 BC.
- **"The Anointed One" and the "Prince who is to come":**
  - While many Christians interpret these figures as Jesus and the Roman emperor Titus, respectively, there are other interpretations within Jewish and Christian traditions.
- **"The 70th Week"**
  - This final week is often interpreted as a future period of tribulation or a time of God's final judgment. However, there's much debate on its timing and nature.

## Conclusion

The Seventy Weeks Prophecy is a complex and fascinating topic that continues to be studied and debated. While the timeline based on Cyrus' decree offers one possible interpretation, it's essential to be aware of the various challenges and alternative viewpoints. Understanding the prophecy requires careful consideration of the historical context, biblical symbolism, and different theological perspectives.

### Problems with this view:

**The starting point**, Cyrus' Decree (538 BC) does not rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

**Daniel 9:25** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to **BUILD JERUSALEM** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL**, even in troublous times.

**The middle point**, 26-27 AD, is not the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign; it is 29 AD.

**Luke 3:1** Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

**The day of Christ's crucifixion** would be on a Wednesday in 30 AD.

## What are the Problems With Jesus Dying on Wednesday, Nisan 14th in AD 30?

| WEDNESDAY                                         | THURSDAY                                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                                | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------|
| 14                                                | 15                                                                                                                               | 16                                                                                                    | 17       | 18     | 19     | 20      | 21                        |
| <b>PASSOVER</b>                                   | <b>CEREMONIAL SABBATH</b><br><small>If Christ died on a Wednesday the women could have annointed Christ's body on Friday</small> | <b>WEEKLY SABBATH</b><br><small>If Christ died on a Wednesday then Christ rose on the 4th day</small> |          |        |        |         | <b>CEREMONIAL SABBATH</b> |
| 7 DAY FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD FROM 15TH TO 21ST |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                       |          |        |        |         |                           |

Leviticus 23:5-8 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover. 6 And on the **fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.** 7 *In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.* 8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: *in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.*

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DIDN'T JESUS SAY HE WOULD BE IN THE GRAVE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS?

**Matthew 12:40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be **THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS** in the heart of the earth.

**Esther 4:16** Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shush an, and fast ye for me, and **neither eat nor drink THREE DAYS, NIGHT OR DAY:** I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

**Esther 5:1** ¶ Now it came to pass **ON THE THIRD DAY**, that Esther put on *her royal apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

**Luke 18:33** And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and **THE THIRD DAY** he shall rise again.

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY    | FRIDAY      | SATURDAY     | SUNDAY       |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 14        | 15          | 16          | 17           | 18           |
|           | First Night | First Day   | Second Night | Second Day   |
|           |             | Third Night | Third Day    | Fourth Night |
|           |             |             |              | Fourth Day   |

While it is true, that Christ said "three days and three nights,"  
He also said He would rise on the **THIRD DAY**.  
If Christ died on Wednesday, **Sunday would have been the FOURTH DAY!**

And they shall kill him, and **the third day he shall be raised again**.  
And they were exceeding sorry. Matthew 17:23

And **when the sabbath was past**, Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother of James, and Salome,  
had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.  
And **very early in the morning the first day of the week**, they came unto  
the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. Mark 16:1-2

## ***Possibility #2: The timeline using the decree of Artaxerxes I, issued in 457 BC.***

Using the decree of Artaxerxes I, issued in 457 BC, as the starting point for the Seventy Weeks Prophecy timeline yields the following interpretation:

### **Timeline based on Artaxerxes' Decree (457 BC)**

- **Start:** 457 BC (Artaxerxes' decree to rebuild Jerusalem)
- **69 Weeks (483 years):**
  - 457 BC - 483 years = 26 AD
  - This aligns closely with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, which is traditionally dated around 27 AD.
- **"The Anointed One will be cut off":**
  - This is generally understood as referring to the death of Jesus Christ, which is traditionally dated around 30-31 AD by those starting the seventy-week prophecy using the Ezra 7 decree in 457 BC.
- **"The people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary":**
  - This is commonly interpreted as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple by the Romans in 70 AD.
  - Seventh-day Adventists, who start the seventy-week prophecy using the Ezra 7 decree in 457 BC, start the seventieth week in 27 AD, have Christ crucified in 31 AD, and end it in 34 AD.
- **"The end will come like a flood":**
  - This could refer to the final judgment or the events leading up to it.

### **Interpretations and Significance**

- **Messianic Fulfillment:** This timeline connects the 69 weeks directly to the start of Jesus' ministry, emphasizing the fulfillment of the prophecy in his life and death.

- **Prophetic Accuracy:** The close alignment between the end of the 69 weeks and the beginning of Jesus' ministry strengthens the argument for the prophecy's divine origin and accuracy.
- **70th Week:** This interpretation leaves the 70th week open for future fulfillment, potentially relating to the end times and the second coming of Christ.

### Challenges and Alternative Views

- **Decree Identification:** Some scholars debate whether the decree of Artaxerxes I is the correct starting point, proposing other decrees or events.
- **Calendar Adjustments:** Similar to the timeline based on Cyrus' decree, adjustments for prophetic years and calendar systems can impact the calculations.
- **Symbolic Interpretations:** Some interpret the 70 weeks symbolically, representing a broader period of God's plan for Israel and the world rather than a strict chronological timeline.

### Conclusion

The timeline based on Artaxerxes' decree provides a compelling interpretation of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy, highlighting its potential fulfillment in Jesus Christ's life and ministry. While challenges and alternative views exist, this perspective offers a powerful framework for understanding the prophecy's significance and its implications for Jewish and Christian theology.

### Problems with this view:

**The starting point,** the decree issued in 457 BC, did not rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

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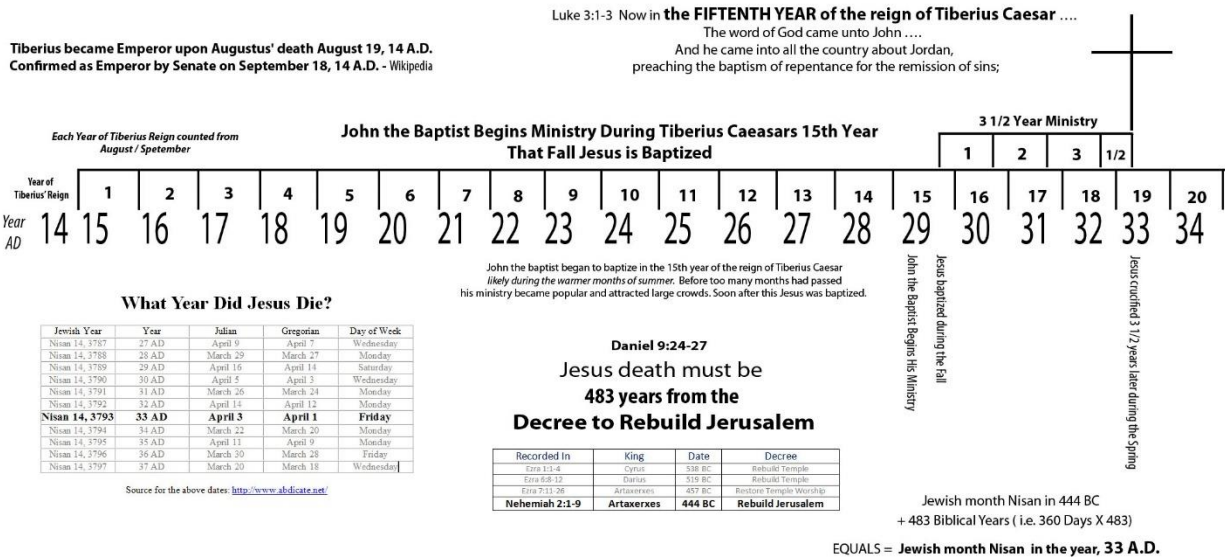
## Possibility #3: The timeline using the decree of Nehemiah 2, issued in 444 BC.

### It Must Match All These Points

1. Christ's ministry must begin after the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius
2. Christ's death must be 483 years from the Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem
3. Passover must fall on a Friday

### What Year Did Jesus Die?

Some theories match 1 or 2 points, however...  
**No other year matches every point in the Bible**



**April 1, 33 AD, is the day Christ was Crucified.**

### Six Hours of Darkness and the Earthquake on April 1, 33 AD

In the year 33 AD, there was a period of darkness lasting six hours and an earthquake on April 1. These events are not only mentioned in the Bible but also recorded and discussed by historians outside of it. The darkness was not limited to Jerusalem but was reported across the Roman Empire, and historians from the first through third centuries have discussed this mysterious phenomenon.

Modern-day geologists have conducted extensive research, spending two decades analyzing samples from the Dead Sea under microscopes. Through this interdisciplinary effort, they have confirmed the occurrence of an earthquake on April 1, 33 AD. The precision of their findings is based on various factors, including the identification of specific pollen that could only have been present in the air at that time.

Additionally, historical records confirm the date of the earthquake, as the city of Nicaea, located across the Mediterranean, was also destroyed by the same earthquake on April 1, 33 AD. Moreover, the United States government website tracking natural disaster records recognizes that on this date, Nicaea was destroyed, and the Temple in Jerusalem suffered damages. [NCEI Hazard Earthquake Information \(noaa.gov\)](http://www.noaa.gov)

| Eclipse Types              |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Solar Eclipse              | Lunar Eclipse        |
| T - Total                  | t - Total (Umbral)   |
| A - Annular                | p - Partial (Umbral) |
| H - Hybrid (Annular/Total) | n - Penumbral        |
| P - Partial                |                      |

"Unlike a solar eclipse, which can only be viewed from a certain relatively small area of the world, a lunar eclipse may be viewed from anywhere on the night side of the Earth. **A lunar eclipse lasts for a few hours**, whereas a total solar eclipse lasts for only a few minutes at any given place, due to the smaller size of the moon's shadow."  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar\\_eclipse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar_eclipse)

**Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. Matthew 27:45**

Historians should note that the astronomical dating system used in these tables includes the year "0" while the traditional [BCE - CE dating convention](#) does not. Thus, the year "0" here corresponds to "1 BCE", the year "-100" is "101 BCE", and so on. [The old style Julian calendar is used for dates prior to 1582](#), while the modern Gregorian calendar is used after that date. For more information, see [calendar dates](#). - Source NASA.gov (See below for full URL)

| New Moons: <a href="https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEcat5/SE0001-0100.html">https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEcat5/SE0001-0100.html</a><br>Full Moons: <a href="https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat5/LE0001-0100.html">https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat5/LE0001-0100.html</a> |          |               |                |              |                                                                                                                                    |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | New Moon | First Quarter | Full Moon      | Last Quarter | Passover is the full moon after the Spring Equinox of March 20-21.                                                                 |  |
| <b>33 A.D.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |               |                |              |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Jan 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16:09    | Jan 26 07:51  | Jan 4 10:14    | Jan 12 15:24 | In 33AD it occurred April 3                                                                                                        |  |
| Feb 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 01:49    | Feb 24 20:20  | Feb 3 04:21    | Feb 11 07:42 |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Mar 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10:38 T  | Mar 26 10:33  | Mar 4 22:20    | Mar 12 19:37 | April 3, 33 A.D. experienced a partial Lunar Eclipse about 3:00 PM - Exactly when the Bible Describes Darkness that lasted 3 Hours |  |
| Apr 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 19:09    | Apr 25 02:19  | Apr 3 14:51 p  | Apr 11 03:45 |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| May 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 03:59    | May 24 19:15  | May 3 04:54    | May 10 09:20 |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Jun 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 13:57    | Jun 23 12:41  | Jun 1 16:19    | Jun 8 13:50  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Jul 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 01:56    | Jul 23 05:38  | Jul 1 01:42    | Jul 7 18:42  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Aug 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16:33    | Aug 21 21:14  | Jul 30 10:06   | Aug 6 01:14  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Sep 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 09:42 A  | Sep 20 10:57  | Aug 28 18:34   | Sep 4 10:38  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Oct 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 04:16    | Oct 19 22:42  | Sep 27 03:50 p | Oct 3 23:51  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Nov 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 22:34    | Nov 18 08:45  | Oct 26 14:17   | Nov 2 17:13  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Dec 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 15:10    | Dec 17 17:29  | Nov 25 02:03   | Dec 2 14:01  |                                                                                                                                    |  |
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"Passover begins on the 15th day of the month of Nisan, which typically falls in March or April of the Gregorian calendar. In accordance with the Hebrew Bible, Nisan is the first month of the Hebrew calendar's festival year. Passover is a spring festival, so the 14th day of Nisan begins on the night of a full moon after the vernal equinox."  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passover>

Nisan 14 in 33 AD occurred on FRIDAY, April 3 according to the Julian Calendar - Source [www.RosettaCalendar.com](http://www.RosettaCalendar.com)

| Hebrew Calendar      | Julian Calendar                                                      |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nisan 3793           | April 0033 AD                                                        |
| 1                    | 1 2 3 4                                                              |
| 2 3 4 5 6 7 8        | 5 6 7 8 9 10 11                                                      |
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| 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 | 19 20 21 22 23 24 25                                                 |
| 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 | 26 27 28 29 30                                                       |
| 30                   | <a href="http://www.RosettaCalendar.com">www.RosettaCalendar.com</a> |

**Note:** April 1, 33 AD (Gregorian Calendar) and April 3, 33 AD (Julian Calendar) are the same day.

## **Historians discuss the darkness that happened on the day. Jesus was crucified.**

There are a few key first and second-century historians who discuss the darkness that occurred on the day of Jesus' crucifixion:

- **The Gospels (1st century):**
  - The synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) all record a three-hour darkness that fell over the land from the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (3 p.m.) on the day of Jesus' crucifixion. These accounts are considered primary sources, although their exact dates of composition are debated.
- **Thallus (1st century):**
  - Although Thallus's original works are lost, Julius Africanus (3rd century) quotes him as having mentioned a darkness that coincided with the crucifixion. Africanus suggests Thallus tried to explain it away as a solar eclipse, an explanation Africanus found unreasonable given the timing of the crucifixion during the Passover full moon.
- **Tertullian (2nd century):**
  - In his "Apologeticus", Tertullian references the darkness and claims that an independent account of it was held in the Roman archives. He uses this to argue for the historical reality of the crucifixion and its significance.
- **Phlegon (2nd century):**
  - Phlegon's original work, "Olympiads," is also lost, but later historians cite his account of an eclipse accompanied by an earthquake around the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

Despite the questions and debates surrounding it, the account of the darkness on the day of the crucifixion remains a significant element in the historical narrative of Jesus' death, and it continues to intrigue and inspire scholars and believers alike.

## The context of Daniel 9 is the Desolation of Jerusalem.

*(not a future tribulation or a future antichrist)*

**Dan 9:25** Know therefore and understand, *that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem* unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

**Dan 9:26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and *the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary*; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto *the end of the war* *desolations are determined*.

**Dan 9:27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of *abominations he shall make it desolate*, even until the consummation, and that determined *shall be poured upon the desolate*.

**Daniel 9:2** In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in **THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM**.

**Daniel 9:7** O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to **THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM**, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

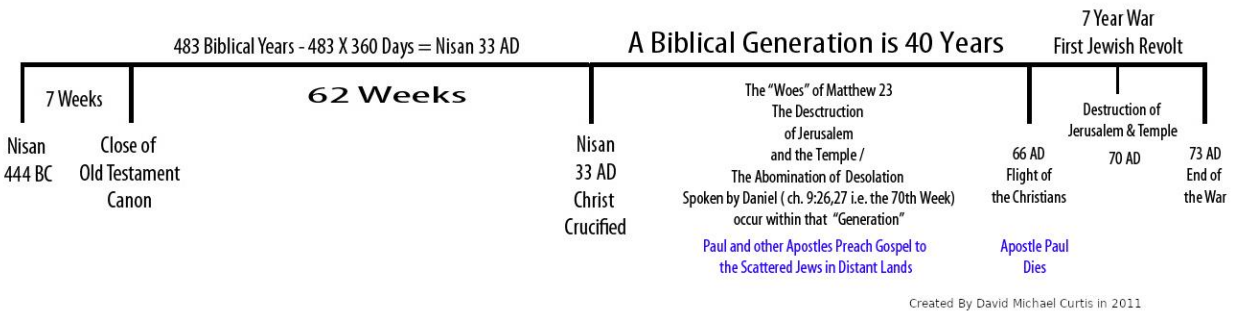
**Daniel 9:12** And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done **UPON JERUSALEM**.

**Daniel 9:16** O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from **THY CITY JERUSALEM**, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, **JERUSALEM AND THY PEOPLE** are become a reproach to all that are about us.

**Daniel 9:18** O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and **BEHOLD OUR DESOLATIONS, AND THE CITY** which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

**Daniel 9:19** O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for **THY CITY AND THY PEOPLE** are called by thy name.

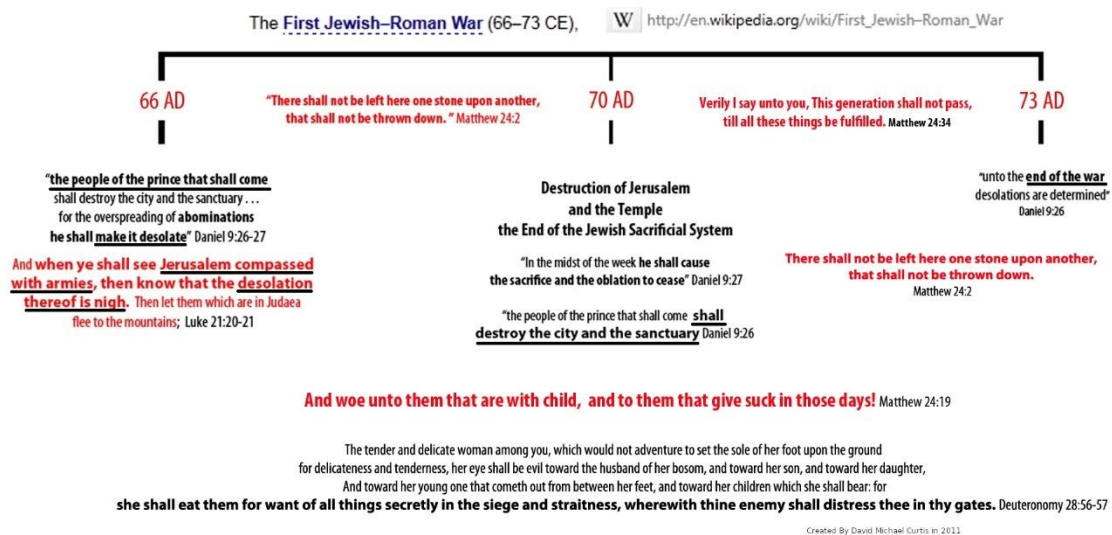




**Daniel 9:24** Seventy weeks are determined **UPON THY PEOPLE AND UPON THY HOLY CITY**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

**Daniel 9:25** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to **BUILD JERUSALEM** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL**, even in troublous times.

**Daniel 9:26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come **SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.





### *Overview of Daniel 9:*

1. Jerusalem and the Sanctuary are 1. Desolate (BC 586 by Nebuchadnezzar).
2. Then Jerusalem is Rebuilt (Decree given **Nisan 14, BC 444** by Nehemiah).
3. Jesus "the Messiah" would be "cut off" outside the walls of Jerusalem that Nehemiah would rebuild EXACTLY "69 weeks" or **483 Years (483 Passovers)** from the decree in Nehemiah 2 (Fulfilled **Nisan 14, AD 33**).
4. Jerusalem and the Sanctuary are Destroyed/ Made Desolate again (AD 70, by Titus and the Roman Army in the middle of the 7 year Jewish Revolt).

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

### *The first time Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed in 586 BC.*

**Daniel 9:2** In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in **THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM**.

**Daniel 9:17** Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon **THY SANCTUARY THAT IS DESOLATE**, for the Lord's sake.

**Daniel 9:18** O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and **BEHOLD OUR DESOLATIONS, AND THE CITY WHICH IS CALLED BY THY NAME**: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

### **Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed twice in history:**

According to the Jewish calendar, Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed twice on the same date: the 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av). This day is observed as a day of mourning and fasting in Judaism, commemorating both destructions and other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people.

- **First Destruction:** 9th of Av, 586 BCE - Destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians
- **Second Destruction:** 9th of Av, 70 CE - Destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans

### *The second time Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed in 70 AD.*

**Daniel 9:25** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to BUILD JERUSALEM unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL**, even in troublous times.

**Daniel 9:26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come **SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war **DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED**.

**Daniel 9:27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations **HE SHALL MAKE IT DESOLATE**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured **UPON THE DESOLATE**.

### *The People (Roman Army), The Prince (Titus), & The 7-Year War (First Jewish Revolt AD 66—AD 73)*

**Daniel 9:26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and **THE PEOPLE of THE PRINCE** that shall come **SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of **THE WAR** desolations are determined.

Luk 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

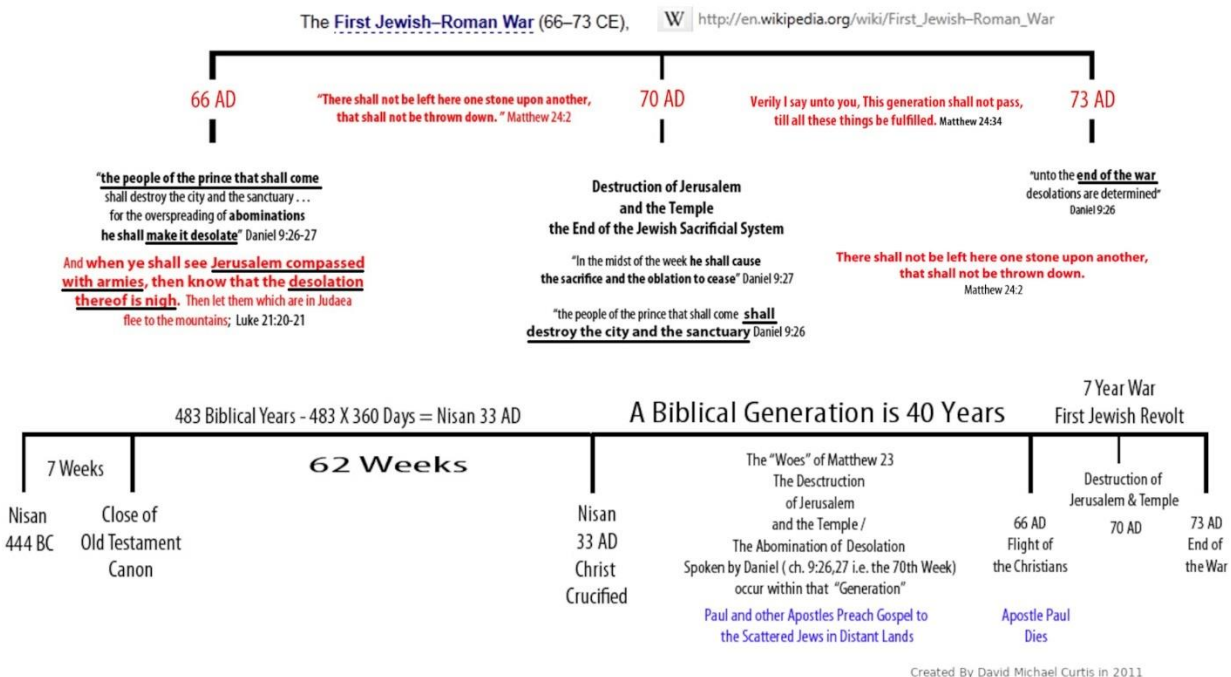
**Luk 21:20** And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

**Luk 21:21** Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

**Luk 21:22** For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

**Luk 21:23** But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

**Matthew 24:15-16** When ye therefore shall see **THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, SPOKEN OF BY DANIEL THE PROPHET**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:



**Luke 21:20-21 ¶ And when ye shall see JERUSALEM COMPASSED WITH ARMIES, THEN KNOW THAT THE DESOLATION THEREOF IS NIGH.** Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

### *Important Events During The 70 Week Prophecy*

70 Weeks = 490 Days = Years (i.e. 490 Years)

- Which **Start = Nisan 14 (Passover), BC 444** (Nehemiah 2:1—Decree To Rebuild Walls & Streets of Jerusalem)
- 62+7 Weeks = 69 Weeks or **483 Years (483 Passovers)**
- Which **End = Nisan 14 (Passover), AD 33** (April 1, Jesus Crucified i.e. "Messiah Cut Off, But Not For Himself")
- "This Generation" (Matthew 24:34, i.e. **40 Years, AD 33—AD 73**)
- **AD 66** Peter & Paul Martyred, End of the New Testament Canon, Beginning of **the First Jewish Revolt AD 66—AD 73**
- **AD 70** Jerusalem & the Temple are Destroyed "**In the Midst of the Week,**" i.e. **in the Middle of the 7 Year War (AD 70)**
- **AD 70** The Sacrifices at the Temple are Ended Forever "**in the Midst of the Week**"
- **AD 73** End of **the First Jewish Revolt AD 66—AD 73**, End of the 70 Week Prophecy

**The 70 Week Prophecy marks THE END of the centralized worship of Jehovah in Jerusalem, the Law of Moses, the Temple and its services, including the animal sacrifices. The end of the 70 Week Prophecy marks THE BEGINNING of the Church Age!**

# **The Reformers Taught the Pope was Antichrist.**

## **Nicolaus Von Amsdorf (1483 – 1565)**

“He (the antichrist) will be revealed and come to naught before the last day, so that every man shall comprehend and recognize that the pope is the real, true antichrist and not the vicar of Christ ... Therefore those who consider the pope and his bishops as Christian shepherds and bishops are deeply in error, but even more are those who believe the Turk (ISLAM) is the antichrist. Because the Turk (ISLAM) rules outside of the church and does not sit in the holy place, nor does he seek to bear the name of Christ, but is an open antagonist of Christ and His church. This does not need to be revealed, but it is clear and evident because he persecutes Christians openly and not as the pope does, secretly under the form of Godliness.”

*(Nicolaus Von Amsdorf, Furnemliche und gewisse Zeichen, sig.A2r.,v.)*

## **Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)**

“nothing else than the kingdom of Babylon and of very Antichrist. For who is the man of sin and the son of perdition, but he who by his teaching and his ordinances increases the sin and perdition of souls in the church; while he yet sits in the church as if he were God? All these conditions have now for many ages been fulfilled by the papal tyranny.”

*(Martin Luther, First Principles, pp. 196-197)*

## **Flacius (1570)**

“The sixth and last reason for our separation from the pope and his followers be this; By many writings of our church, by the Divinely inspired Word, by prophecies concerning the future and by the special characteristics of the Papacy, it has been profusely and thoroughly proved that the pope with his prelates and clergy is the real true great antichrist, that his kingdom is the real Babylon, a never ceasing fountain and a mother of all abominable idolatry.”

*(Flacius, Etliche Hochwichtige Ursachen und Grunde, warum das siche alle Christen von dem Antichrist ... absondern sollen)*

## **Georg Nigrinus (1530 – 1602)**

“The Jesuits claim to be sorely offended and have taken my declarations as an insult and blasphemy in branding the Papacy as the antichrist of which Daniel, Paul, Peter, John and even Christ prophesied. But this is as true as it is that Jesus is the Messiah, and I am prepared to show it even by their own definition of the word ‘antichrist’.”

*(Translated from “Nigrinus, Antichrists Grundliche Offenbarung” fol. 6v.)*

“This Jesuit further contends that the Papacy cannot be antichrist because the Papacy has lasted for centuries, but that the antichrist is supposed to reign only for 3 1/2 years ... But no one doubts today that Daniel spoke of YEAR-DAYS, not literal days ... The prophetic time-periods of forty-two months, 1260 days, 1, 2, 1/2 times are prophetic, and according to Ezekiel 4, a day must be taken for a year.”

*(Translated from “Nigrinus, Antichrists Grundliche Offenbarung” fols.28v. 29r.)*

## **John Calvin (1509 – 1564)**

“Though it be admitted that Rome was once the mother of all Churches, yet from the time when it began to be the seat of Antichrist it has ceased to be what it was before. Some persons think us too severe and censorious when we call the Roman Pontiff Antichrist. But those who are of this opinion do not consider that they bring the same charge of presumption against Paul himself, after whom we speak and whose language we adopt .. I shall briefly show that (Paul’s words in II Thess. 2) are not capable of any other interpretation than that which applies them to the Papacy.”

*(Institutes of the Christian Religion, Vol.3, p.149)*

## **John Knox (1505 – 1572)**

Yea, to speak it in plain words; lest that we submit ourselves to Satan, thinking that we submit ourselves to Jesus Christ, for, as for your Roman kirk, as it is now corrupted, and the Authority thereof, whereon stands the hope of your victory, I no more doubt but that it is the Synagogue of Satan, and the head thereof, called the pope, to be that man of sin, of whom the apostle speaks.”

*(John Knox, The History of the Reformation of Religion in Scotland, p.65)*



### **Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556)**

“Whereof it followeth Rome to be the seat of Antichrist, and the pope to be very antichrist himself. I could prove the same by many other scriptures, old writers, and strong reasons.”

*(Works by Cranmer, vol.1, pp.6-7)*

### **Roger Williams (1603 – 1683)**

Pastor Williams spoke of the Pope as “the pretended Vicar of Christ on earth, who sits as God over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God, but over the souls and Consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God himself...speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but he is the son of perdition.”

*(The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers by Froom, Vol. 3, pg. 52)*

### **The Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)**

“The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner; neither can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ.”

*(1689 Baptist Confession of Faith)*

### **The Westminster Confession of Faith (1646)**

“There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ: nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition, that exalts himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God.”

*(1646 Westminster Confession of Faith)*

## **John Wesley (1703 – 1791)**

“... In many respects, the Pope has an indisputable claim to those titles. He is, in an emphatical sense, the Man of Sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he is, too, properly styled, the son of perdition, as he has caused the Death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers, destroyed innumerable souls, and will himself perish everlastingly. He it is that opposeth himself to the emperor, once his rightful sovereign; and that exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped – Commanding angels, and putting kings under his feet, both of whom are called gods in scripture; claiming the highest power, the highest honor; suffering himself, not once only, to be styled God or vice-God. Indeed no less is implied in his ordinary title, “Most Holy Lord,” or, “Most Holy Father.” So that he sitteth – Enthroned. In the temple of God – Mentioned Rev. xi, 1. Declaring himself that he is God – Claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone.”

(John Wesley, Explanatory Notes Upon The New Testament, p.216)

## **Charles H. Spurgeon (1834 – 1892)**

“It is the bounden duty of every Christian to pray against Antichrist, and as to what Antichrist is no sane man ought to raise a question. If it be not the popery in the Church of Rome there is nothing in the world that can be called by that name. If there were to be issued a hue and cry for Antichrist, we should certainly take up this church on suspicion, and it would certainly not be let loose again, for it so exactly answers the description.”

“Popery is contrary to Christ’s Gospel, and is the Antichrist, and we ought to pray against it. It should be the daily prayer of every believer that Antichrist might be hurled like a millstone into the flood and for Christ, because it wounds Christ, because it robs Christ of His glory, because it puts sacramental efficacy in the place of His atonement, and lifts a piece of bread into the place of the Saviour, and a few drops of water into the place of the Holy Ghost, and puts a mere fallible man like ourselves up as the vicar of Christ on earth; if we pray against it, because it is against Him, we shall love the persons though we hate their errors: we shall love their souls though we loathe and detest their dogmas, and so the breath of our prayers will be sweetened, because we turn our faces towards Christ when we pray.”

(Michael de Semlyen, *All Roads Lead to Rome*)

## Reverend J. A. Wylie (1808 – 1890)

“The same line of proof which establishes that Christ is the promised Messiah, conversely applied, establishes that the Roman system is the predicted Apostasy. In the life of Christ we behold the converse of what the Antichrist must be; and in the prophecy of the Antichrist we are shown the converse of what Christ must be, and was. And when we place the Papacy between the two, and compare it with each, we find, on the one hand, that it is the perfect converse of Christ as seen in his life; and on the other, that it is the perfect image of the Antichrist, as shown in the prophecy of him. We conclude, therefore, that if Jesus of Nazareth be the Christ, the Roman Papacy is the Antichrist.”

(J.A.Wylie, Preface to “*The Papacy is the Antichrist, A Demonstration*”).

## Nicolae Carpathia (*Left Behind Series*) is a Fictional Character.

### Character Analysis: Nicolae Carpathia

Nicolae Carpathia is the central antagonist in the *Left Behind* series, serving as the Antichrist figure within the story's premillennial dispensationalist framework. His character embodies several key elements:

**Charisma and Deception:** Carpathia is portrayed as a highly intelligent and charismatic individual, able to sway the masses with his rhetoric and seemingly benevolent actions. He rises to power quickly, taking over the United Nations and establishing a global government. His charm and charisma are tools of deception, masking his true malevolent intentions.

**Ruthlessness and Control:** While initially appearing as a peacemaker, Carpathia's true nature is revealed as he consolidates his power and implements a totalitarian regime. He eliminates opposition ruthlessly and demands complete loyalty from his followers. His desire for control extends to all aspects of human life, seeking to establish a one-world government and religion under his authority.

**Supernatural Influence:** Carpathia is portrayed as being empowered and possessed by Satan, granting him supernatural abilities and influence. This allows him to perform miracles and deceive the world, further consolidating his power and leading many astray.

**Opposition to God:** Carpathia's ultimate goal is to oppose God and establish himself as the supreme ruler of the world. He persecutes Christians and seeks to eradicate their faith, positioning himself as a god-like figure demanding worship.

**Symbolic Significance:** Carpathia's character serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of deception, false prophets, and the allure of worldly power. He represents the ultimate enemy of God and humanity, highlighting the importance of faith, discernment, and remaining steadfast in one's beliefs.

**Key Points about Nicolae Carpathia:**

- **Origin:** Romanian politician
- **Rise to Power:** Becomes the Secretary-General of the United Nations and eventually the global leader
- **False Messiah:** Presents himself as a savior and peacemaker but is actually the Antichrist
- **Supernatural Powers:** Performs miracles and displays supernatural abilities
- **Persecutes Christians:** Seeks to eliminate Christianity and establish a one-world religion under his control
- **Ultimate Fate:** Is defeated and cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Tribulation period

Nicolae Carpathia is a complex and compelling character who serves as a powerful symbol of evil and deception in the *Left Behind* series. His actions and influence highlight the ongoing spiritual battle between good and evil and the importance of remaining faithful to God in the face of adversity.

# A Jesuit Priest Invented the Future Seven-Year Tribulation, Future Antichrist Theory.

*(It's a Roman Catholic Doctrine).*

The pre-tribulation rapture and future seven-year tribulation is a counter-Reformation doctrine from the Council of Trent, to take the ominous belief of the Reformers pointing to the Papacy as the antichrist taking it off of the Roman Catholic church and placing it in the future on a fictional character like Nicholas Carpathian from the Left Behind Series.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, a Jesuit Priest wrote a book and submitted it to the Council of Trent (a counter-reformation church council conducted by the Roman Catholic Church. Francisco Ribera, the Jesuit I mentioned a moment ago, introduced an idea to counter the reformation doctrine that the papacy was the antichrist. He asserted that the Papacy could not possibly be the antichrist. Why not? Because the antichrist had not appeared yet. How is that possible? Ribera continued by teaching in his book that at the end of time, there would be a seven-year tribulation, and that the antichrist does not yet appear until then. No one has adopted Ribera's book or its theories for another three centuries. Today, huge Hollywood blockbusters are surrounding Francisco Ribera's ideas, which are called the Left Behind franchise. Today, all of Christianity has been duped and is looking for a future antichrist, unaware that the antichrist has been in our midst for over a thousand years.



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## Francisco Ribera - Wikipedia

**Francisco Ribera** (1537–1591) was a Spanish **Jesuit theologian**, identified with Futurist Christian eschatological view. Ribera was born at Villacastín. He joined Society of Jesus in 1570, and taught at the University of Salamanca. He acted as confessor to Teresa of Avila. He died in 1591 at the age of fifty ... [See more](#)

### Works



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## A Pretribulation Secret Rapture?

### Time of, Unknown.

**Matthew 24:36.** But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

**Mark 13:32.** But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

### The Second Coming Will Not Be Secret.

**Luke 17:22-24.** And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see *it*. And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after *them*, nor follow *them*. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

### Every Eye Will See Him.

**Revelation 1:7.** Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him**, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

*Note. Notice those that are lost, wail because of him, why? There are no second chances.*

### As It Was in The Days of Noah.

**Luke 17:26-27.** And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

**Note.** Noah and his family were taken, and were saved, those that were left behind, were destroyed.

### As It Was in The Days Of Lot.

**Luke 17:28-29.** Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

**Note.** Lot and his daughters were taken, and were saved, those that were left behind in Sodom, were destroyed.

## Remember Lot's Wife.

**Luke 17:31-32.** In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife.

**Note.** Lot and his daughters were taken, and were saved, Lot's wife looked back, and was left behind, she was destroyed—turned into a pillar of salt.

**Second Note.** The second coming, may be an event that lasts weeks. We will explore why this may be true shortly. In such a case, this admonition is relevant, because there would be time enough to go back for your material possessions. However those who return back, will share in the fate of Lot's wife and perish.

## Two, One Taken, One Left Behind.

**Luke 17:33-37.** Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, **Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.**

**Matthew 24:28.** For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

*At the second coming, those left behind shall be destroyed.*

## There Are Only Two Groups.

*Those That Are Taken Are Saved, And Those Left Behind That Are Destroyed.*

**Matthew 25:31-46.** ¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

## The Danger of Believing in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Christ warned of a class of beliefs that, during times of peace and safety, receive the gospel with joy but later become offended when tribulation begins. In the Parable of the Sower, this class of people is called the stony ground.

**Matthew 13:20-21** But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Those who assert there is a pre-tribulation rapture also affirm a doctrine called “once saved, always saved.” Once a person says a ‘sinners’ prayer,’ they are saved and cannot lose their salvation. I deal with this topic in much more detail in my book KJV vs. Baptists. All that I am pointing out here is the danger of believing in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. It can cost your soul at the Second Coming.

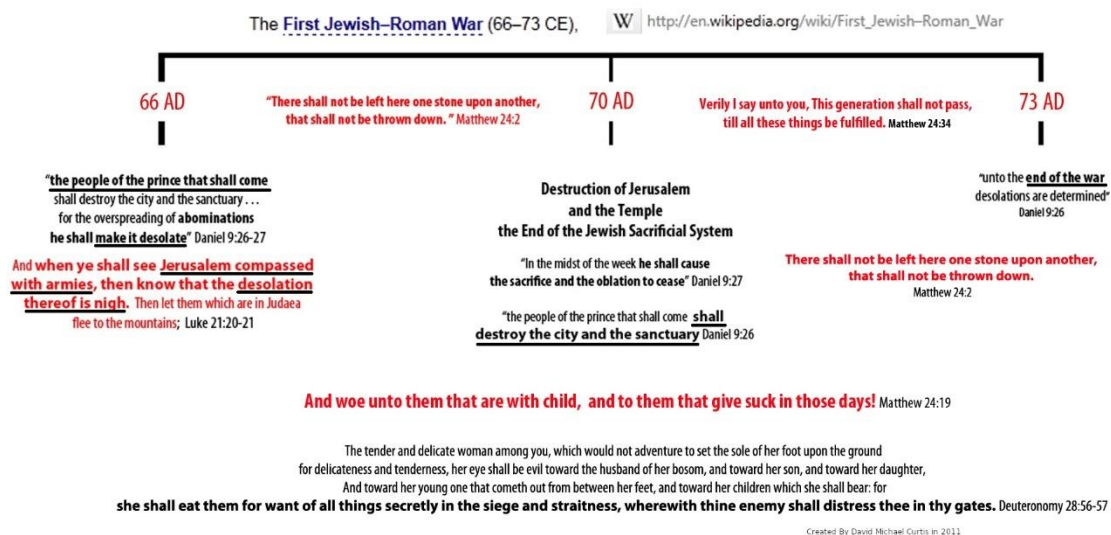
Here is how:

- A person says the sinner's prayer, Yay! I am saved
- But never repents. Either thinking I am saved and can't lose salvation or
- Thinks to himself, I will repent after the secret rapture.

The two doctrines, "once saved, always saved" and "Pre-Tribulation Rapture," act like a left-right uppercut combo, setting those who trust in them up for the K.O. at the Second Coming. Both doctrines are fatal to those who never repent. That is the whole issue here. If you think you can't lose your salvation even if you are committing adultery, then there is no need to repent of it. If you think you can repent after a "Pre-Tribulation Rapture," then you can put off deciding to repent today and do it later. Either way, this class of Christians does not bear fruit meet for repentance and are in for a real surprise at the Second Coming.

The Left Behind Series is entertaining and fun to watch, but it is as fictional as Lord of the Rings, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and Harry Potter. Sadly, tens of millions watch these movies and read the Left Behind Series novels, thinking they are road maps through the end of days.

The seventh week lasted from 66 to 73 AD, during a historical seven-year war called "The First Jewish-Roman War." Exactly in the middle of this war, in 70 AD, Jerusalem and the Temple were made desolate by the army of Prince Titus, Vespasian's son and heir to the throne of Rome. This act ended the sacrifices made by the Levitical Priests. That's the 70<sup>th</sup> week, folks; it's that simple.



The seventy-week prophecy is finished. There is nothing "left behind" in it that will be fulfilled in the future. The Jews' gold from the Temple paid for the construction of the Colosseum in Rome, in which generations of Christians were martyred for the next two and a half centuries. = who died in faith that Jerusalem and the Temple's destruction in 70 AD fulfilled Jesus's prophecies and proved Jesus is the Christ. Christ's predictions were based on Daniel 9's seventy-week prophecy.